**Toute une année (Taken from the Babelzone song)**

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| Janvier, la galette des rois | Kings’ Cake |
| Février, les crêpes au chocolat  La chandeleur | Pancake Day |
| Mars, je me déguise en roi  Mardi-gras, Le Carnaval |  |
| Avril, des drôles de poissons  Pâques | April Fool’s Day  Easter |
| Mai, du muguet pour maman  La fête des mères | Mother’s Day |
| Juin, voilà le beau temps |  |
| Juillet, c’est le Tour de France |  |
| Aout, je pars en vacances |  |
| Septembre, à l’école je rentre  La rentrée | Return to School |
| Octobre, il ne fait plus très chaud  Halloween et Toussaint | Halloween and All Saints’ Day |
| Novembre, j’achète les cadeaux |  |
| Décembre, les sapins sont beaux  Noël | Christmas |

**The Galette des Rois (King Cake)** is sold in bakeries and stores just a few weeks out of the year, in the middle of January. It's a flaky cake with a filling, usually something called frangipane or sometimes chocolate or apple. There is a trinket or charm (called une fève in French) baked inside of every cake, and when you buy the cake it comes with a crown. When it's time for dessert, you heat up the cake, cut it evenly for as many people are there are, and you choose someone (usually the youngest) to go under the table and call out names for every plate. The person that finds the little charm inside of their piece becomes king or queen for the day, and gets to wear the crown.

The "king cake" takes its name from the [biblical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bible) three [kings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_Magi). In Catholic liturgical tradition, the Solemnity of [Epiphany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday)) - commemorated on January 6 - celebrates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. The Eve of Epiphany (the night of January 5) is popularly known as Twelfth Night (the [Twelve Days of Christmas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas) are counted from Christmas Eve until this night). The season for king cake extends from the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas ([Twelfth Night](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Night_(holiday)) and Epiphany Day).

Originally, *la fève* was literally a [broad bean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broad_bean) (*fève*), but it was replaced in 1870 by a variety of figurines out of porcelain or—more recently—plastic. These figurines have become popular collectibles and can often be bought separately. The cakes are usually sold in special bags, some of which can be used to heat the cake in a microwave without ruining the crispness of the cake. A paper crown is included with the cake to crown the "king" who finds the fève in their piece of cake.

[](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/bb/J-BGreuzeGateauRois.jpg)

Le Gateau des Rois by Jean-Baptiste Greuze, 1774

Une galette des rois

